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## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, May 10, 2007**

#### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

The forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., at the Bushnell Congregational Church, 15000 Southfield Road, Detroit, Michigan 48223.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Jim Holley **(ABS)**  
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**  
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**  
Arthur Blackwell II  
Erminia Ramirez **(ABS)**

##### **Department Personnel Present**

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings  
AC Ralph Godbee  
DC Shereece Fleming-Freeman  
DC Marshall Lyons  
DC Tony Saunders  
DC Claudia Barden-Jackson  
DC Chester Logan  
DC Jamie Fields  
DC Joyce Motley  
Cmdr. Craig Schwartz  
Cmdr. Walter Long  
Cmdr. John Autrey  
Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner  
Cmdr. Brian Stair  
Cmdr. Brian Davis  
Cmdr. Gerald Simon  
Cmdr. William Hudson  
Cmdr. Janice Butler  
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee  
Insp. James Moore  
Lt. Vicki Yost  
Lt. Shari Oliver

**Department Personnel Present**

Lt. Kaywune Latham  
Lt. Dennis Johnson  
Lt. Jeffrey Romeo  
Sgt. Lemuel Wilson  
Sgt. Erin Stephen-Bell  
Sgt. Samer Jaafar  
Sgt. Jonae Stinson  
PO Aaron Rose  
PO Sophia Nelms  
PO Kenneth Crawford  
PO Robert Kanu  
PO Michael Gordon  
PO Gerry Townson  
PO Derrick Kimbrough  
PO Lawrence Mitchell  
PO Juan Windham

Lt. Darryl Brown  
Lt. Debra Fair  
Sgt. Daran Carey  
Sgt. Jeffrey Clyburn  
Sgt. Roy Harris  
Sgt. Rodney Cox  
Inv. Hasina Nettles  
PO Aaron Kraszewski  
PO Timothy Cox  
PO Leon Rahmaan  
PO Gregory Robson  
PO Sean Wilson  
PO Robert Johnson  
PO John McLeod  
PO Beverly Randall  
PO Robert Cain

**Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director  
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator  
Leslie Griffin, Community Relations Coordinator  
P.O. Kent Cooper

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Jenn Gruss  
Laura Gruss  
Crystal Watkins  
Phyllis Payton  
Rose Egle  
Sandra Robinson  
Thomas Wilson  
Jeanaen Bryant  
B. Nelson  
State Rep. Gabel Leland  
Felando Merriweather

Lorrie France  
Patricia Carter  
Michael Stewart  
Shawntee Jeffries  
Delores Trice  
Aretha Walker  
Jeffrey Nzoma  
Vanessa Mumford  
Trish Cunningham  
Ron Scott

**RECORDERS**

Jerome Adams  
Robert Brown

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Comm. Blackwell** called the forum of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 7:10 p.m.

**Comm. Blackwell** thanked Rev. Roy Issac and the Bushnell Congregational Church for hosting this community meeting.

**Rev. Issac** welcomed every one to Bushnell Congregational Church and stated that the doors are always open.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The Agenda for May 10, 2007, was not presented given the lack of a quorum.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Minutes for May 3, 2007 was not presented because of the lack of a quorum.

#### 4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

##### 1. CHAIRPERSON

**Comm. Blackwell** asked Mr. Wilson, President of the Northwestern District Community Relations Council, to say a few words.

**T. Wilson** stated the Northwestern District Community Relations Council will be having a luncheon on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 am to 1:30 pm for all police officers and all are welcome.

##### 2. SECRETARY REPORT

##### CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	
<b>2007 - Weekly Count of Complaints:</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>567</b>	
		<b>20% Increase</b>	
<b>2006 - Weekly Count of Complaints:</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>32% Increase</b>

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of **93** cases for the month of April.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted **3** cases to the Chief's Office for the month of April.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of **2,026** active investigations, of which **567** of those are for 2007.

##### TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS

ARREST	2
DEMEANOR	18
FORCE	7
ENTRY	1
HARASSMENT	0
PROCEDURE	16
PROPERTY	1
SEARCH	2
SERVICE	7

**TOTAL 54**

##### COMMANDS

UNKNOWN	9
COMM/OPS	0
SW. DIST	0
CENT. DIST	0
EAST. DIST	8
WEST. DIST.	6
NW DIST.	6
TACTICAL	0
NARCOTICS	2
ORG. CRIME	3
SEX CRIMES	1
NE. DIST	3

**TOTAL 38**

## 5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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# SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS



## Narcotics/Gang Enforcement

During the period of April 30, 2007 through May 6, 2007, **Narcotics/Gang Enforcement executed 34 search warrants and 40 street enforcement actions** within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 37 Felony arrests
  - 119 Misdemeanor arrests
  - 3 Juveniles detained
  - 1,048.90 grams of cocaine, 46.1 grams of heroin, 9,709.10 grams of marijuana and 33 pills with a total street value:
  - \$ 541,706.40
  - \$ 117,490.00 in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 12 Handguns

## Northwestern District

On May 1st, officers of the Northwestern District responded to area of Westwood and Schoolcraft, on a person wanted for a armed robbery, who was arrested shortly after. Upon further investigation, the subject was positively identified as the wanted suspect. The subject was arrested and charged with "Robbery Armed," "Felony Firearm," and "Motor Vehicle Advisory."



"BUILDING A SAFER DETROIT THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS"

# Detroit Police Department

## Report to the Board of Police Commissioners

*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*



## Engaging the Community

### ATTENTION

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the Districts in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Sub-Stations to make reports.

Location	Hours of Operation	Telephone
2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
7737 Kercheval	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-4778
13206 E. Jefferson	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	852-5759
19810 Grand River	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	935-5322
13530 Lesure	8 a.m.-8 p.m.	596-5300
12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555

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### Special points of interest:

#### • Next meeting:

Thursday, May 17, 2007

@ 3:00 P.M.

**DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT  
1300 BEAUBIEN ST., SUITE 328A  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226**

## *Police / Community Intervention*

MAY 10, 2007



### Western District

On May 2nd, officers of the Western District responded to the area of Broadstreet and Kay on "Shots Fired." Upon their arrival, officers observed two subjects discard weapons in their possession. Both subjects were arrested and charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon," "Felon in Possession," "Felony Firearm," and "Habitual 2nd."

### Eastern District

On May 1st, officers of the Eastern District responded to the area of Whittier and Riad on an "Assault & Battery." Upon further investigation, it was discovered that the complainant was not only a victim of an Assault & Battery, but a victim of ethnic intimidation. A subject was later arrested after being identified in a photo line up and charged with "Ethnic Intimidation," "Aggravated Assault," and "Habitual 4th."



### Domestic Violence

On May 1st, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 20000 block of Rogge on a "Domestic Violence" incident, which resulted in an arrest. Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the individual was charged with "Felon in Possession," "Felony Firearms," "Domestic Violence," and "Habitual 2nd."

### Violent Crime Task Force

Officers of the Violent Crimes task Force and Repeat Offenders members apprehended a suspect in the 8000 block of Grand River, wanted for the death of a couple during a drive by shooting. Due to the collaborative efforts of the members involved, the subject was charged with "Homicide."



**Chief Bull-Cummings** stated there will be a benefit game on Friday, May 11, 2007, at Cass Technical High School. She then introduced all the top sworn officials and Cmdr. Long of the Northwestern District.

**Cmdr. Long** introduced the Community Relations Officers and the rest of the staff of the Northwestern District.

**Cmdr. Long** gave a brief overview of the Northwestern District and its current endeavors, and introduced Lt. Latham.

**Lt. Latham** gave an overview of the program K.O.C.E. (Keeping Our Children Educated).

**Lt. Brown** of Gang Enforcement gave an overview of Gang Squad.

**(SEE ATTACHMENT)**

## **6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no standing committee reports.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. GRANT: REQUEST TO APPLY FOR THE "SOLVING COLD CASES WITH DNA PROGRAM" FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (USDOJ)**

The United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice, is seeking applications for funding under the "Solving Cold Cases with DNA Program." Local governments are eligible to apply for up to \$500,000.00 in funding for a program where the mission is to identify, review, and investigate Uniform Crime Report (UCR), Part 1 Violent Crime "cold cases" that have the potential to be solved through DNA analysis, and to locate and analyze biological evidence associated with these cases.

The Detroit Police Department's Homicide Cold Case Squad has been provided with the application instructions and is currently developing a program to fit the guidelines of the grant. Homicide, with assistance from Grants and Contracts, will submit an application seeking the maximum amount of \$500,000.00. In the event that approval is granted to apply and the award is received, Lieutenant Linda Vertin, of Homicide, would serve as the project director.

In the grant application, the majority of the funding requested would be for overtime for the officers assigned to the Cold Case Squad. Additionally, funds will be requested for investigative travel, laboratory equipment, computer equipment, supplies, and training. The deadline for this application is May 14, 2007.

Upon your approval, the Detroit City Council will be requested to adopt a resolution supporting this application.

The adoption of the Grant was reserved because of the lack of a quorum.

## **2. RESOLUTIONS**

### **Lt. Thomas C. Berry**

The adoption of the Resolution for Lt. Berry was reserved because of the lack of a quorum.

### **Lt. Michael D. Passage**

The adoption of the Resolution for Lt. Passage was reserved because of the lack of a quorum.

### **Sgt. Carl J. McClanahan**

The adoption of the Resolution for Sgt. McClanahan was reserved because of the lack of a quorum.

### **Sgt. Sherry Butler-Brown**

The adoption of the Resolution for Sgt. Brown was reserved because of the lack of a quorum.

### **Mr. Felando Merriweather**

**WHEREAS** Mr. Felando Merriweather has been a resident of the Northwestern District for thirty three (33) years. He is a graduate of Henry Ford High School in Detroit and is currently attending college to pursue his Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice and looks forward to becoming a Detroit Police Officer; and



**WHEREAS** Mr. Merriweather has been an active member of the Northwestern District Community for the past three (3) years. He has assisted in many police activities as a Detroit Police Reservist. He has been active in helping mentor kids in the Detroit Police Northwestern District (B.U.O.Y) Business United with Officers and Youth Program.; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Merriweather is instrumental in taking the task of preparing police equipment for all Police Details that include the Detroit Police Reservist and he is also instrumental in helping to reduce crime by working the many Police Task Forces at the Northwestern District.; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Merriweather saved a young girl's life; in July of 2006, who was viciously attacked by a pit bull Dog. The dog had his teeth clamped onto the body of a ten year old girl, when Mr. Merriweather, a well trained Police Reservist shot the dog and saved the girl's life.; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Merriweather is a dedicated, caring, and long time supporter of the Northwestern District and its citizens; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department; acknowledges the dedication and generosity of Mr. Felando Merriweather. His exemplary and selfless service in improving the quality of life for all citizens in his community and throughout the city of Detroit merits our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Mr. Felando Merriweather.

**DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

/s/ Jim Holley  
Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie  
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Erminia Ramirez  
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton  
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE**  
**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS** /s/ Arthur Blackwell, II  
May 10, 2007 Commissioner

**Chief Bully-Cummings** presented Mr. Merriweather with the Certificate of Recognition from the police department.

**Cmdr. Long** presented him with the Spirit of Detroit Award on behalf of City Council.

**F. Merriweather** thanked everyone for recognizing him for these awards.

The adoption of the Resolution for Mr. Merriweather was reserved because of the lack of a quorum.

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION: QUARTERLY AWARDS**

**PO Rahmaan** presented the Quarterly Awards.

#### **CIVILIAN**

ESO Crystal Watkins                      Communications Operations

#### **PATROL OFFICERS**

PO Dammeon Player	Central District
PO Gregory Robson	Southwestern District
PO John McLeod	Northeastern District
PO Derrick Kimbrough	Western District
Aaron Krasezewski	Eastern District

#### **INVESTIGATIVE OFFICERS**

Sgt. Roy Harris	Narcotics Enforcement
Inv. Hasina Nettles	Investigative Operations (Western)
PO Robert Kane	Sex Crimes

**Chief Bully-Cumming** stated tickets for the benefit game are \$5.00 and the T-Shirts are \$15.00. She also stated that the money will go towards commemorative plaques for the fallen men and women who served the Detroit Police Department.

She thanked Sgt. Mark Young for all his hard work and for putting the together in addition to his responsibilities to the Northwestern District.

**8. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, May 17, 2007 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Police Headquarters  
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A  
Detroit, MI 48226

**10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**T. Wilson** thanked the men and women of the police department for the great work that they do in protecting him and others, as they do their daily business. He believes the media needs to print more of the positive things that the department does.

**R. Segal** stated that the elderly need help and assistance from the police department, because their houses have been broken into repeatedly.

**G. Leland** stated he would like to welcome everyone to the Northwestern District, the area that he represents. He also, thanked the Northwestern District for a great job they are doing. He introduced Ms. Mumford of Smith Homes.

**V. Mumford** stated she is here today to see if they can get some help with the drug traffic at Smith Homes. They are scared to leave their homes because of the shootings and break-ins. There used to be some police present at one time but that has stopped. There is a mobile home in one of the fields and it is not safe for the kids to play there.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated to Ms. Mumford that Cmdr. Long will have Sgt. Jaffar get all of her information. She stated you mentioned a mobile home in the field.

**G. Leland** stated the mobile home used to be a mini police station about a decade ago.

**V. Mumford** stated at one time a scout card use to circle the block and also have dialogue with the residents.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated the department will take a look at the mobile home, and the commander will see that there's increased visibility by the police. She asked for Ms. Mumford to attend the community relations meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>, and voice her concern if the problem has not been addressed.

**G. Bryant** stated on behalf of Wayne County Comm. Alisha Bell, they would like to thank all of the men and women of the Northwestern District for the great work they do.

**T. Cunningham** stated she would have liked to have been here to view the Gang Squad presentation because she had a couple of questions. She asked to be informed of the mission of Gang Squad. There was an incident at Osborn High School last week over a protest. One of the school officials stated if they walked out, that Gang Squad would be waiting for them and they were intimidated by this.

**Comm. Blackwell** stated that someone told you if they went out that Gang Squad would get them. He asked were they harassed by Gang Squad.

**T. Cunningham** stated no, they were told that before they went out.

**Comm. Blackwell** stated by a school official.

**T. Cunningham** stated by the school principal.

**Comm. Blackwell** stated you can have this handout of the Gang Squad presentation.

**T. Cunningham** asked did Gang Squad state its mission.

**Comm. Blackwell** stated yes.

**Chief Bully-Cumming** stated that their mission is the same mission of the Detroit Police Department and that is to create a safer Detroit. She stated to Ms. Cunningham to be very careful because of the hearsay, because it did not come from a Detroit Police Officer. It is difficult for her to speak on that. Detroit Public Schools (DPS) has its on sworn police officers.

**T. Cunningham** asked what the deployment policy of Gang Squad consisted of in a situation like that.

**Chief Bully-Cumming** stated that Gang Squad is not deployed in the schools at all. They cover the entire City of Detroit and DPS has its own security force. They deploy their own officers and you will have to propose that question to Chief Mitchell who is in charge of their security department.

**T. Cunningham** stated it is her understanding that those officers were sworn in by the Detroit Police Department.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated they are MCOLES certified from the Michigan Law Enforcement Bureau.

**B. Nelson** thanked God for the department because things would be a lot worse without them. She moved out to the Smith Homes because they had security at that time and because it was really nice and she apologized.

**Comm. Blackwell** asked what are you apologizing for?

**B. Nelson** stated because one or two people can't get their point across and more citizens should be concerned.

**Comm. Blackwell** stated you are still active and concerned and it is people like you who can make a difference. Don't give up and don't be discouraged doing these difficult times.

## 11. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**